MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the statement given in appendix XI, will the member be pleased to say the circumstances that led to the appointment of 164 men, from among the members of one particular community, in 1105?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Scarcity of water at Muttam.

75. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the water scarcity question at Muttam in the Agastisvaram constituency?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have carried out the following works in the Muttam Village for the supply of drinking and bathing water:—

(1) Boring holes 15 to 20 feet at the bottom of two wells in the east Muttam Village. One of these wells is the spring in Survey No. 4461 of Kadiapattanam pakuti and from the bottom of this a pipe line has been taken to low ground and a stand post with taps provided.

(2) A bore hole over 60 feet deep was put in one of the wells in the west Muttam Village on the foreshore of Periakulam tank, Survey No. 4529 of Kadiapattanam pakuti.

(3) Existing wells in disrepair are put in order wherever necessary by the Sanitary Department.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether the works done in the wells at Muttam have mitigated the difficulties of water scarcity?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): To some extent.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to say the average quantity of water available in those two wells after boring?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not hear the member.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What is your question, please?

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Government have carried out certain works in certain wells at Muttom. I want to know the present quantity of water in those wells after boring?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to part (3) may I know the nature of the work done by the Sanitary Department in those wells?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The work was done by the P. W. Department.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The answer is "existing wells in disrepair are put in order wherever necessary by the Sanitary Department". What more do you want?

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